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"Some idea of the nature and frequency of public works--tasks involving groups larger than a household--is given by the following list of journal entries, which is approximately complete only for the district of Rauau. One job, the building of Tom's canoe in Falārĭk district, was going on nearly every day from the beginning until well on in January, though only the crucial days of work are noted.

Aug. 1.-Bonito in lagoon. Entire population busy all day. (The fish escaped from the seines during the night.)

Aug. 9.-Bonito in lagoon again. Entire population busy all day. School captured toward sundown.

Aug. 10-12.-All work tabu except smoking of bonito.

Sept. 5-12 (approximately).-Clean-up of island, ordered by chiefs at general meeting Sept. 4, after visit of American ship.

Sept. 20.-Fishing for feast held at conclusion of religious ceremony.

Sept. 27.-Planks of Tom's canoe glued and permanently lashed.

Sept. 28.-New thatch plaited for canoe-house Fan ni wā, in Falārĭk district.

Sept. 30.-New thatch put on roof of Fan ni wā. [122]

Oct. 3.-Chiefs order men out to work on Tom's canoe.

Oct. 5.-Corner post replaced in canoe-house Fale Pĕngā, Rauau district.

Oct. 6.-District fishing (For feast at conclusion of canoe-house job? Not noted.)

Oct. 11.-District fishing.

Oct. 13-18. -Young men go out in canoes every morning with large traps.
Oct. 19. -Fishing by united forces of Rauau and Falārĭk.
Oct. 21. -Post replaced on canoe-house Pa'urĕl. Done by some men, but not all from both Rauau and Falālap.
Oct. 22. -Falālap district fishing for feast to celebrate conclusion of canoe-house job. Feast held late in the day.
Oct. 24. -(and thereafter nearly every night until Nov. 15 at three canoe-houses; one in Falārĭk, one in Rauau, and one in Falālap). Men rehearse at night for performance of ur dance, ordered by chiefs at request of anthropologist.
Oct. 25 (approximately, and daily thereafter). -Men at work in all canoe-houses making new seine for Falālap.
Oct. 31. -Feast at Falālap for conclusion of seine-making; which, however, continued thereafter for several days.
Nov. 5. -New thatch sheets plaited for canoe-house Sabwōlap, Rauau district.
Nov. 6. -Rauau district fishing.
Nov. 7. -Thatch put on roof of canoe-house Sabwōlap.
Nov. 10. -Thatch put on roof of canoe-house Pa'ugop in Falārĭk.
Nov. 14. -No work except preparing feast to conclude final performance of ur dance.

Nov. 15.-Men of all districts take part in final performance of ur.
Nov. 16 (and on into December).-Young men out in canoes nearly every morning with big fish-traps.
Nov. 25.-Thatch sheets plaited for men's house. (Thatch put on several days later-exact date not noted.)
Dec. 3.-Over-water 'head' or latrine built for anthropologists.
Dec. 6.-Young men of Rauau went trolling over distant reef Vasulós.
Dec. 9-11.-Stringer replaced on canoe-house Sabwōlap, Rauau district. [123]
Dec. 12.-Boys of Rauau fishing for feast on completion of canoe-house job. Feast held late that day.
Dec. 13.-Canoes out with traps in the morning, several parties with torches scoured reef at night.
Dec. 24.-Extra-tie beam and king-post installed in canoe-house Sabwōlap, recently repaired.
Dec. 28.-Outrigger fitted on Tom's canoe.
Dec. 31.-Canoe sail repaired by small group in front of one of the Rauau canoe-houses.
Jan. 2.-District fishing by young men (Rauau) for feast to conclude four days of prayer for a sick woman.
Jan. 6.-Trial run of Tom's new canoe, completed except for finishing touches

and painting.

Jan. 7-14 (approximately). -Re-lashing of Gabwileisei's canoe.

Jan. 24. -District fishing, Rauau.

Jan. 26. -District fishing, Rauau.

Feb. 2-3. -Torchlight fishing on reef by young men.

To sum up: work is undertaken and working groups formed, to meet some felt obligation. The smaller groups unite to meet the needs of kinsfolk and neighbors, with kinship the strongest bond. Larger groups are formed mainly on the basis of common residence. The district or, in the case of Falālap, the island, are the units of most frequent cooperation on this larger scale. A few tasks call for cooperation of the whole population. Women cooperate according to the same pattern as men. In the larger groups, they usually play a supporting role."